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AT THE BISHOPS' MEETING JANUARY 14 THE BISHOPS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO SUPPORT THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE MESSENGER IN SAN FRANCISCO STAKE. IT WAS FELT THIS WOULD BE ONE MORE WAY OF BRINGING THE BAY AREA SAINTS MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER.

One of the largest crowds of recent conferences gathered in San Francisco Stake Sunday, January 7 to hear Bishop Le Grande Richards, the Church representative from Salt Lake City, speak. Bishop Richards had requested advance preparation in presenting the young people of the stake in several of the talks. He asked that the Aaronic priesthood with girls of the same age group occupy the large center section of the chapel and spoke very eloquently to them.

Another visitor was Brother Walter Dansie who represented the Welfare committee. Brother Dansie ,who was accompanied by his wife, was in town for a livestock convention as well.

STAKE BUSINESS

Always interesting are the items of business. At the morning session J. Cyril Johnson was released from his place on the High Council. During his years on the council he did a tremendous work. He was in charge of the building of the Bishops' Storehouse, and also for the handsome new Mission ward building soon to be dedicated. Both Sid and his wife, La Prele, were active supporters of all the church affairs. They have recently built and moved into a new home in Palo Alto.

Two new high councilmen took their places with the group Sunday morning. Wesley T. Benson, whose wife, Nell Marie Benson, is Stake Primary president, and Frank E. Young, Jr.

Released as Stake Mission President was Edward L. Howard, Jr. Brother Howard has given inspiration and support to every missionary in the stake for years. He is an interesting speaker at practicaly every missionary farewell in the stake. Sustained to that position was Elder Wallace G. Bennett. Elder (Lt.) Bennett is Education and Information Director at the Presidio. Immediately after the evening meeting he left by plane for Philadelphia where he is taking a six-week course in the Armed Force Information School.

Another release was that of Glen Brewer of the Stake Sunday School Superintendency. He has been appointed as superintendent of the Balboa Ward Sunday School. New Sunday School officers are Richard Pugmire, second assistant superintendent in Bro. Brewer's place; Ellie Pugmire, secretary, succeeding Jean Strebel, recently released, and Bessie Schettler.

Several Missionaries, two recently returned home and two soon to go, spoke. Wilbur Moulton filled his mission in the East Central States and Jack Wilson filled his in the New England States. Jack came home a little early due to a broken foot, but left to return to Massachusetts the day following conference where he will not only baptize, but be married to, a pretty girl named Pearl Jewett. After a short honeymoon in New York City they will come back to the bay area where Jack will take up his studies at the University of California. Paul Poppe, soon to leave for Denmark, and Alan Coogan assigned to the Swiss German Mission, spoke briefly.

SAN RAFAEL BRANCH JOINED TO S. F. STAKE

During the evening session of the conference the word was brought that San Rafael branch

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Berk. Stake News

By ANNA LEONE PATTON.

STAKE DIVIDED TO FORM NEW STAKE

When Berkeley Stake was organized less than five years ago, few, if any imagined that a new stake would be organized in such a short time. The growth of the Church in this part of California has been unbelievably rapid.

Some months ago Brentwood Branch was amputated and grafted onto the San Joaquin Stake. They were missed here. Now, by a major operation, in the creation of the Santa Rosa Stake, Berkeley Stake loses Vallejo, Carquinex and Napa Wards, and Fairfield Branch.

These wards and the Branch contributed much to our Stake and will necessitate changes in the High Council, the priesthood quorums, and all stake boards.

JOHN L. MURDOCK

John L. Murdock, the newly chosen Santa Rosa Stake president, was active on the Berkeley High Council as chairman of the Ward Teaching and the Finance Committees, also as Advisor to Vallejo Ward. Rex Bridges will also be greatly missed at this same council table.

JAMES H. KIRBY

James H. Kirby has been released from the High Council because he is moving to Redding, California. He was an invaluable, tireless, fervent, happy worker. He and his wife will be missed in stake and ward affairs.

IRA J. MARKHAM

With reluctance the Stake authorities have released Ira J. Markham from the High Council where he has served as a building supervisor, Melchizedek priesthood committee member, and advisor to Martinez ward. Brother Markham has served on high councils in New York, Utah and California. Now he feels he could enjoy work-

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Berkeley Stake Conference

SATURDAY—SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 10 and 11, 1951
BERKELEY WARD CHAPEL

Saturday, Feb. 10—Priesthood leadership meeting. No one should be in attendance unless especially bidden, except the stake presidency, high council, patriarch, clerk, Melchezidek priesthood committee, all presidents and secretaries of Melchezidek priesthood quorums, mission president, Aaronic priesthood committee, committee for adult Aaronic priesthood, ward teaching committee, Aaronic priesthood general secretaries, bishoprics and ward clerks.

Santa Rosa Stake Created Jan. 7, 1951, From Berkeley Stake, No. Calif. Mission

The Sabbath morning, Sunday, January 7, 1951, over Santa Rosa was fair and pleasant (almost a June day in January). Into the beautiful new Latter-day Saint chapel a stream of eager saints were pouring, coming from as far north as Willits and Lakeport, 81 and 91 miles distant, and as far east as Carquinez and Fairfield, 57 and 51 miles away.

Gathered in earlier preliminary meetings were a group of leaders from Berkeley stake and the Northern California Mission, presided over by Elder Stephen L. Richards of the Council of the Twelve Appostles, accompanied by Alma Sonne, assistant to that Quorum of Twelve. On the preceding day the Berkeley Stake presidency and High Council and the Northern California Mission presidency had met with Elder Richards and agreed upon the general plan and most of the details of a new stake.

The chapel organ paused in its strains of sacred music, the audience quieted, the choir sat alert, as Thomas L. Gardner, president of the Mission, arose and greeted the great throng that had assembled to behold the birth of a new stake of the Zion of the latter days. Now a new chapter in the notable progress of modern Israel in historic Northern California was begun. Santa Rosa stake was fused from parts of Berkeley stake and the northern California Mission.

Perhaps there were silent witnesses of that scene: yes, perhaps some of the faithful Latter-day Saints who had formed California's first non-catholic colony when the ship Brooklyn had birthed at Yuerba Buena on another January day 105 years and 24 days earlier, that is January 31, 1846.

Perhaps also the spirit of Joseph F. Merrill was trustfully present also to witness here one more upward step in the fulfill-

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Lamont Carr, talented son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Carr of Claremont ward, will be given a farewell in the Berkeley chapel, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1951, prior to leaving for the West German Mission of the church.

Bishop Millward announces that an especially enjoyable program has been arranged for the party, and that dancing and refreshments will be served in the beautiful Berkeley recreation hall to fill out an evening of great pleasure for all friends of the well-known and faithful Carr family.

Many will wish to attend and every blessing upon the head of Lamont in this important and critical mission among the German people. "And this Gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness and then shall the end come."

Oak. Stake Conference Tops Record In Large and Inspiring Sessions

Oak. Stake News

By MILDRED M. FONTANO

A gala affair was held Jan. 18 in the Alameda chapel for the Oakland stake authorities. The stake boards, the high council and wives, and presiding priesthood were in attendance. A fine program of music, dancing and feasting was the order of the evening. Radio station KLX sent over one of their top "darkie" performers. The act was even better when we found it was our own Glen Shaw. The rest of the entertainment "measured up."

We are so happy about our new missionaries. Patriarch Eugene and Ruth Hilton and Patricia, their only daughter, left for the British Mission Jan. 21. A round of parties, luncheons and dinners were given in their honor.

The Emerson school staff of which Eugene was principal, gave a dinner and evening's entertainment, featuring as the centerpiece the "Queen Mary," on which they will sail. Place cards were miniature ships. The stake YWMIA gave Ruth a delightful evening. The stake high council honored both Ruth and Eugene at the Thys Winkel home in Alameda, presenting each with a brief case. The farewell testimonial by the Dimond ward and by two stakes at Oakland chapel was a culmination of good wishes and good will. Bon voyage.

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The Oakland Tribune editorial, "Knave" section, quotes from Annaleone D. Patton again on January 21. This is the third time we have read her historical articles in that daily. This time she tells about Lansford W. Hastings, one of the earliest California real estate promoters.

Recently Eugenia Daniels of Alameda had two nice articles in the Knave recounting Mormon activities and a mild defense of the Mormon way of life.

Elder Howard Edgar Daniels, whose parents live in the Dimond ward, has just been transferred from the Near East Mission in Palestine (with 17 other missionaries) to labor in the French Mission. The Near East Mission has been closed to missionaries from America.

- President J. Reuben Clark observed his 79th birthday last September, while President David O. McKay was observing his 77th anniversary.
- The newest Mission of the Church is the West Central States Mission, an area including Montana, Wyoming and parts of North and South Dakota.

The Oakland Stake Conference held in the Oakland chapel, Saturday and Sunday, January 20 and 21, gatered the largest attendance of record for this stake. The conference enjoyed inspiring sermons by Joseph Fielding Smith and the singing of his wife, Jessie Evns Smith. The morning music was furnished by the Elmhurst ward choir led by Rowena Basinger; the afternoon meeting heard the Mormon Male Chorus under the baton of Robert Sant.

Some key thoughts of the meetings on Sunday may be summarized:

ANGUS H. NORBERG.

Angus Norberg of the stake presidency: The crowd present is a thrilling, humbling sight. In these days of turmoil people are looking for help, leadership, peace. Some are "draft jittery." Boys in service have opportunity of being missionaries if honest, upright, clean. While in service they should write to their bishops, and quorums; join the LDS groups on post; read good books; pray regularly.

PRES. DELBERT F. WRIGHT.

He stressed the importance of dealing in fundamentals. Men must be called of God to carry on His work. Both divisions of Priesthood have been restored and given to men in this dispensation. Unauthorized acts will not be recognized. The human inclination to take the priesthood lightly is dangerous for there is potential destruction in the misuse of power b ythe overzealous and uninstructed. He warned against departures from fundamentals. The great power of the priesthood protects only the righteous. It is very important to place in authority as teachers men and women with testimonies of the truth of the restored Gospel, and persons who live the laws of tithing, the Word of Wisdom, marriage in the temple, keeping holy the Sabbath and other fundamental principles of the Gospel.

PRESIDENT GARDNER
No. Calif. Mission.

He thanked people for entertaining the missionaries at last year's Missionary Convention in Oakland. Asked for helped for this year's convention February 21, 22 and 23. Reported that the elders in the Mission had sold 16,000 copies of the Book of Mormon in last year.

JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH

How much do we love the Lord? This we show by keeping his commandments. Commandments are not for the Lord's pleasure, but for man's salvation. There is no other course than to be obedient to divine law, and this great truth must be learned by every soul.

We ask how much do we love the Lord, but it is important to know how much the Lord loves us. Jesus knew that he would

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Oakland Stake Offers Both Stakes Pre-Easter Temple Excursion to Mesa

Oakland Stake Genealogical Committee announces a Pilgrimage to the Mesa Temple by train, the week before Easter, March 17 to 24. All bay area saints are cordially invited to join to make this Pilgrimage as large as possible. Train reservations must be made in advance. Fare will be about $36.50 round trip.

Several automobiles will take a number of young people to the temple. On Mondays the Temple is usually closed, but for this occasion it will be open in order that young people may do baptisms.

Sleeping quarters may be obtained in the saints' homes for about $1.00 per night. Will those who are planning on going on this Pilgrimage please contact ward committees or Chlo Call of the Stake Temple committee as soon as possible—Andover 1-5912.

Temple Excursion Pilgrimage Dinner and Entertainment Set For Feb. 23, Berkeley Recreation Hall

A great and rare evening of feasting and entertainment with Bishop Seldon Millward as Master of Ceremonies, and a "ham and" dinner catered by Mrs. Dora Ruegg is the pleasant call to members of Berkeley stake and friends for the festive Friday evening of February 23, 1951, at 6 p.m., in the Berkeley ward recreational hall. The occasion is a pre-pilgrimage celebration.

Those who recall the very happy crowds who enjoyed themselves at this annual Temple Pilgrimage feast last yeas will have the livliest anticipations of the high quality of the delicious dinner and of the near-professional finish of the entertainment numbers.

Delbert W. Rock is again acting as chairman of the Temple Pilgrimage and Caravan for June, 1951, and President C. Ronald Smith is directing general affairs as the chairman of the Stake Genealogical Committee. It is announced that the prilgrimage in 1951 will center about the newest temple of the Church, the beautiful Idaho Falls Temple built on an eminence overlooking the great Snake river at the Falls that give the city its name.

The plans for 1951 include the usual auto caravan and also a chartered bus, so that the mode of transportation of the local saints may be suited to each individual preference. The annual pilgrimage appeals to those also who wish to unite the temple excursion with their vacation plans away from California.

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Two Stake Primary Projects

By ANNA PATTON

The Primary is busy with two big projects.

First Project: The Birthday Penny Drive. While we are all so vitally interested in the "March of Dimes," it is well to remember our own Birthday Penny Drive, and help in both drives. Nowhere does the mite go so far.

The Birthday Penny Project for all members of the church regardless of age, for the maintenance of one of the finest Children's Hospitals in our nation, the one our Church maintains in Salt Lake City.

Lacking the fund-raising help of great sports events, of large endowments or gifts ,by enthusiasm, faith in God, and in themselves, and a knowledge of the great need, the women of the Primary have accomplished the seemingly impossible.

STAKE UNION MEETING MAY FESTIVAL

The May Festival, and the Sunday Night Programs were also stressed at the Stake Primary Union Meeting.

The Berkeley Stake Primary board, having lost some valuable board workers to the newly organized Santa Rosa Stake, have selected Sister Beth Brady, and Sister Fern Christensen to fill the vacancies.

Sister Irene Hartup, the newly chosen president of Santa Rosa Stake Primary board, was a guest as well as many Primary workers from Santa Rosa, Napa, Petualuma and other wards and branches of the new Stake.

SECOND PROJECT

A splendid tableau stressing the importance of the Primary's magazine, "The Chidlren's Friend," was presented. This magazine is truly wonderfully complete-spiritual character building bit or reading for children, and will create an appreciation of good literature. It's cost is much less than trash and funny books. All parents should have been present. They would surely subscribe for "The Children's Friend."

Six wards in Berkeley Stake have reached 100 per cent or more on the Children's Friend' drive Martinez ,Napa, Walnut Creek, Claremont, Carquinez, and Rodeo. All wards have increased their subscriptions.

The members of the Primary Board are women of fine training, and humble spiritual attitude. The use of visual aids is marvelous. The Primary women work and study to make their work become the big thing in a child's life, namely, his testimony of the gospel.

We saw a demonstration which proved that by the use of the flannel board, and discarded magazines for illustrations, a teacher who is well prepared, and who has a definite aim can give a lesson on the Word of Wisdom which no one could ever forget. (We saw it) Another teacher demonstrated the teaching of respect for the House of the Lord.

The Home Builder's Party will be held February 10th.

Claremont Ward

Clarmont boasts of a Ward Choir as of January 21, 1951, of 30 persons and more being added each week. Curtis Millward is Chorister and Darlene Dangerfield Organist. We are proud of the progress these talented people are making. They are proving to be a big attraction in our Sunday evening services.

Arthur Burdett was recently taken from our Bishopric and ordained a High Councilman. We are happy to see Brother Burdett's new calling but we will miss all the nice things he did for all of us in our ward.

January was an eventful month for Mary Ellen Carr. Mary Ellen was graduated Tuesday, January 22, from Berkeley High. January 28 a group of 14 girl friends were invited to her home for dinner at which she announced her engagement to Gordon Robbins. Congratulations Gordon and Mary Ellen.

January 18 a group of friends gathered at the home of Mariam Ellsworth with gifts for Kathryn Best whose engagement to Dr. Blane Wheeler was announced several weeks ago. Kathryn was recently baptized into our Crurch. They were married January 20 in Oakland. A large attendance was at the wedding and a beautiful reception was enjoyed. The happy couple are spending a few weeks at Lake Tahoe.

Ronald, son of Lilly Blackburn, was baptized during the month of January.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gleason returned from a vacation trip to Fresno, California. They look refreshed and happy.

Much fun and competition is being enjoyed by the attendance campaign which is in full force at our Claremont MIA. At our last meeting the Greens were ahead of the Golds by 14 points. The losers in this contest have the pleasure of cooking and serving a dinner for the winners. Come out to Mutual on Wednesday nights and join the fun

Don Wood, Jr., and Earl Remington were members of a crew who flew to Nevada to look over the area where the atomic bomb test took place. From there their mission took them into Texas and Florida.

Bishop A. S. Millward and Dean Price gathered up a new set of plans for the Claremont ward chapel and traveled to Salt Lake City to present them to the General Authorities. Cross your fingers all you good Claremontites and hope that this time it works. If these plans get an OK we'll have a chapel soon.

Alameda Ward

January 31 was Ward Family night in Alameda. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the get-together. At the same time there was a shower to equip our kitchen.

Our Green and Gold Ball was held on January 26. The decorations and all were very beautiful, as were the queen candidates, namely, Lola Stam, Joyce Hughes and Nadene Goodman.

The missionaries of this district presented the program at Sacrament meeting January 28, Very enjoyable and inspiring.

Evelyn and Eddie Fink are the proud parents of a baby girl. Carol (Tousley) and Wayne Fox are proud parents of a baby boy. Congratulations and best wishes.

What's this we hear about our fine members moving from our ward? The McKinleys and Judds will soon be at home in San Lorenzo village.

Tuesday, March 13 is a farewell testimonial for Wayne Jahns, who will leave for the French mission soon after.

Newell J. Christensen has opened his new Variety Store in the grand new Alameda Shopping Center, built by Mr. Maltby. Mrs. Christensen is an active associate. We wish them every success in the world. Our LDS business people are increasing their numbers. Let us all remember them in our shopping tours.

Berkeley

SECOND WARD

Several families have moved from our ward. We regret that Jack Fife and his family are now members of the First ward. They will be greatly missed. Jack has faithfully served as the ward teaching supervisor. Margaret gave the literary lessons in Relief Society which were greatly enjoyed.. Jim Beattie with his wife, Polly, and their two small children, have also moved to the First ward. Jim was the clerk for the ward teachers. Herman and Mary Langman were moved to San Leandro. Herman was such a big help at the welfare house during the canning season. It will be equally difficult to replace Mary in securing subscriptions for the Relief Society magazine. She broke the records with 105 per cent sold.

Due to the stake division the high priests' quorum was reorganized with Walter Barrett and Arthur Hopkins from our ward serving as first and second counsellors.

Brother George Olsen has been called to serve on the high council.

Brother Ferryl McOmber has been appointed by the school board a teacher of social science and crafts at Burbank Junior high. We wish him success.

Two of our ward members have recently called to the colors. George Speer, Jr., to the navy, and Herbert Layton, Jr., to the air force. Layton has left for Salt Lake City.

Christmas greetings were received by the bishop from all our missionaries in the field. Bro. Claude Dewsnup also included a copy of the Millennial Star. Elder Bob Brinton is enjoying his mission around the nation's capitol city; Elders Jack Smith and Bruce Barrett sent their best wishes for the New Year, also.

Jack and Helen Eastmond wish to be remembered to ward members. Now settled in Provo, Jack is enjoying his teaching assignments at the "Y".

Wendell Walton's farewell, January 4, was well attended. He will serve in the New England mission. Brother Walton was well prepared and he had taken the special course given at the "Y" for future missionaries.

David Owen and Tom Hawkins graduated from Primary this month and were made deacons. They will be a fine addition to the Quorum. The Deacons had a party at the Ream residence on January 27. They put on a play and sang songs which were recorded and then played back.

February 3 a pot luck dinner and program was held in the ward under the direction of the Relief Society. Home made cakes were sold, the proceeds being divided between the Relief Society and the Welfare budgts.

Two mmbers of our ward are convalescing from serious illnesses. Lucille Babcock has had pneumonia, and Doris Shaugard, daughter of Sister Maybelle Anderson, who is recovering from a recent operation. We hope they will both be back with us soon.

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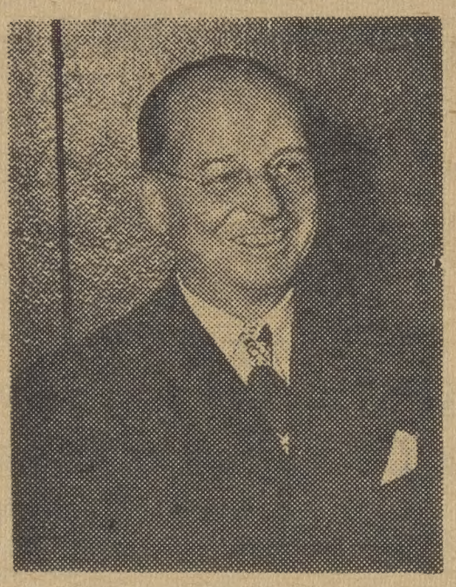
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Elmhurst Ward

ZELNORA B. EVANS

Happy Valentines! This is the sweetheart month of the Sweetheart Ball. Make the most of it, girls.

Those husky Scouts held a Court of Honor on February 6. The following boys were made first-class: Jack Stock, Fred Brooks, Andy Nelson; Myra Bates was made a second class Scout and Claude Brown a Tenderfoot. January 20 the boys enjoyed a trip to the snow.

Word was reecived from Chile that Jerry Smith is on his way home. He is having many interesting experiences and plans to be home after February 20.

Bob and Jean Anderson are now in Provo where Bob is attending school. We all wish them every success.

Barbara Elmer will marry Dick Anderson from Garland, Utah, in the Logan Temple in early June.

The Gleaner girls have done themselves proud by sponsoring a missionary fund. After three Mutuals they have already contributed over $30 to that cause. Grand work, girls; we hope each one of you has an opportunity to get in on it.

Bob DeFries' farewell was held January 4. Bob was home for five days waiting to sail for Holland.

Athol Judd's farewell January 12 was well attended. Athol is going to the Spanish-American Mission where he will enjoy working under President Jones.

Gene Osmond's farewell January 19 was a happy occasion. A splendid program with dancing and refreshments made the evening a delightful one.

What a thrill it is to see the Relief Society room filled on Tuesdays.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Another honor has come to the already famous Elmhurst girls; all eyes are on the MIA Maid class who are already going places. They are an outstanding group of girls always ready and willing to do their part. They have come through another year and have just received a group award which represents mostly attendance at Sunday School, Sacrament Meetings and Mutual. The following girls participated:

Dana Brush, Raylene Darton, Caryl Jacobs, Elverna Jacobsen, Joan Partington, Barbara Porter, Mary Ellen Roe, Geraldine Schultz, Ann Sutton, Beverly Wimmer, Yvonne McBride. Nine of the girls received individual awards. Five Junior Gleaner girls achieved individual awards: also one Bee Hive girl. What these girls have to do to qualify is shown below:

Individual awards, MIA Maids.

75 per cent attendance at Sunday School and MIA and 50 per cent at Sacrament Service.

Give a spiritual talk in Church. Be a tithe payer; do Welfare work; keep the Word of Wisdom.

Class awards for 14-15 year age group:

Fifty per cent attendance at Sunday school and MIA; 35 per cent attendance at Sacrament Meeting; 50 per cent of all girls achieving individual awards.

Velma Jean Bishop and Ted Jacobsen were married on January 28 at the Chapel of the Flowers. Velma's mother and her grandmother were married on this same date. The couple will make their home in Oakland. Ted and Velma are a charming couple and we all wish you joy and happiness for the future.

A beautifully appointed shower was given in honor of Velma in the lovely rose room of the Chapel where forty guests brought gifts and enjoyed the evening.

HAPPY SWEETHEART TIME!

KNOW YOUR HIGH COUNCIL

By ANNA PATTEN

Denzil Allen

Few men are more widely known in our stake than Denzil C. Allen, and none, perhaps, more respected and loved. Born in Lewiston, Cache county, Utah, of a family of five, he received his education at the BY and Utah State college, and also at the University of California, where he took his degree in chemistry.

He soon became associated with the California Packing Co. in San Francisco, serving that company now the twenty-fourth year, and having traveled for them in 40 of the 48 states in the Union and in China, Japan, the Philippines, Hawaii, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

Elder Allen was in the armed forces in World War I and filled a mission in the Southern States. He also has been president of priesthood quorums, S.S. superintendent, stake MIA president, counselor in two bishoprics, bishop of Berkeley ward, and now a member of the stake high council.

As a bishop he seemed to have the spirit to get close to the hearts of the young people during the bewildering days of the last war. These young people return to have him marry them or bless their babies. He also is often called upon for kindly remarks at funerals or to sing in quartettes. He also is a member of long standing in the Mormon Male Chorus.

Denzil's hobbies are church work, wood carving, cabinet work, photography, and just being a good neighbor.

Denzil and Veda Allen have two children, Denzil, Jr., and Mrs. Alice-Mae Milles, and an adorable grandson, Mark Milles.

Berkeley Stake Basketball

The first half of the basket ball season in Berkeley stake has resulted in a tie between the Berkeley M Men and the Claremont M Men. The two other teams from Berkeley, the Ineligible and the Jr. M Men teams, also have played some very good basket ball.

Now all are looking forward to the second half of the season with Walnut Creek coming in to play with the southern division since the northern half of the stake has left us.

The balance of the schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Roosevelt Junior high, 9th and Nevin, Richmond.

7:00 Claremont vs. Berkeley Ineligibles
8:00 Walnut Creek vs. Berk.
9:00 Walnut Creek Ineligibles vs. Berkeley Jr.

Friday, Feb. 16, at the Harry Ellis Junior high, 35th and Chansellor, Richmond.

7:00 Berk. vs. Claremont
8:00 W. C. vs. Berk. Jr.
9:00 W. C. Ineligibles vs. Berkeley Ineligibles

Saturday, Feb. 24 at Roosevelt Junior high, 9th & Nevin, Richmond.

7:00 W. C. Ineligibles vs. Berkeley Jr.
8:00 W. C. vs. Claremont
9:00 Berkeley Ineligibles vs. Berkeley

FINAL PLAY-OFFS

Monday, Feb. 26, Berkeley Stake M Men winners will play the winners of the Oakland Stake M Men at Elmhurst Junior high, 98th and Cherry, Oakland, at 8:45; at 7:30 the Jr. M Men will play.

Friday and Saturday nights, March 2 and 3, the Northern California division play-off of four teams representing ten stakes will be held at Burbank Junior high boys' gym in Berkeley.

Oakland stake will be host to the visiting teams.

These games are all free and are very interesting. Let's show our boys we are interested in them. Come out and enjoy the games and the thrilling spirit of goodnatured rivalry.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING

The Berkeley stake monthly priesthood meeting held Jan. 20 (at the usual fourth Saturday of each month) at the Berkeley chapel, transacted very important business.

Included was the honorable release with a hearty vote of thanks for services rendered, of James Kirby and Ira Markham of the stake high council. These brethren have been towers of strength in the council and also in the affairs of Pittsburg ward where both reside, being employed by the huge steel company at that place.

New high council members, to keep the membership up to the usual 12, plus four alternates, were sustained as follows: Norman B. Creer of Martinez ward (living at Concord), George G. Olsen, Berkeley second ward, Arthur Burdett of Claremont ward, and Clyde Sullivan of East Richmond.

The counselors to Don C. Wood of the high priests' quorum were released because David Harris is now a member of the Santa Rosa stake. New counselors were sustained as follows: Walter Barrett and Arthur L. Hopkins, first and second, respectively.

Berkeley Ward

FIRST WARD
By JUNE GLENN.

We all send our love to Myrtle Gardner who is sick. Myrt and Andy are two of our most faithful and willing members and we miss their cheerful presence in our meetings. The Relief Society Visiting Teachers tell me she is able to have visitors so why not drop by sometime soon and say Hello?

Brother Ferguson is teaching the Gospel Doctrine Class this year and it is well worth the effort to be on hand each Sunday morning to follow the lessons. The Lesson Manual entitled, "Teachings of the Book of Mormon" by Brother Williaim E. Berrett can be purchased through the Sunday School Superintendent.

Wedding bells will ring for Elaine Sorenson and Floyd Moulton on Jan. 31 in the Salt Lake temple. They will make their home in Provo, Utah, where Floyd will continue his studies at the BYU. We send our best wishes for much joy and happiness to you both. Anne and Lon left for Salt Lake City on Jan. 26 for the event.

A farewell party was held Tuesday, Jan. 30, to honor A. D. Erickson, former bishop and builder of our lovely chapel, and for 13 years teacher of our Gospel Doctrine class. The sacrament meeting Jan. 28 also featured Elder Ericksen as a speaker.

Hilda Gardner has returned from an airplane visit to Hawaii.

Delbert and Sister Rock motored to New York and brought home their son, Delbert H., who has completed his mission to Uruguay. Welcome home, honored missionary! We'll be hearing and seeing you often, we hope.

Rachel and I. B. Ball had as house guests in late January her sister, Maud, and her husband, Frank J. Fullmer, a SLC contractor and quarry owner who ships carlots of Utah flagstone to California for garden walks and buildings.

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James Howard Dunn

By Catherine K. H. Marsh, Stake Reporter, Oakland Stake.

James Howard Dunn, civil engineer and Church leader, was born in the town of Corrine, Utah. His father was teaching school there. After his elementary education in Brigham City and Logan, he attended the Agricultural College at Logan.

Heeding the call that **The Gospel Must Be Preached to All Men** Howard accepted an assignment to the French Mission 1937-1939. His labors took him to Belgium, France and Switzerland.

Upon his return Howard continued post-graduate work at Utah State and held a teaching assistantship.

James Howard Dunn was married to Mary Call of Layton, Utah, November 22, 1940 in the Salt Lake Temple. Mary, known for her natural charm ,sweetness of personality, is an exemplary mother and teacher, with the ability to get along with all persons. She is now serving on the Oakland Stake Primary Board. There are two daughters, Sharol 4, and Susuan 2.

During World War II Howard served for four years in the U.S.N. Civil Engineering Corps, at last being located at the Alameda Naval Air Station. Hence they decieded to make their home in the East Bay area and are now members of the San Leandro Ward.

Bro. Dunn is currently employed by the U.S. Navy as director paving inspector and testing division for the western states.

All of his life he has been active in Church ,having been ordained a Seventy at the early age of 19. Some of the positions concurrently held by this outstanding young man are as follows.

Superintendent YMMIA and Sunday School Teacher, Matthews Ward, South Los Angeles Stake. Superintendent of Sunday School, YMMIA, Superintendent and music director ,Charleston Branch, Southern States Mission during military stay. Organized a dependent Sunday School, Southern States Mission at Mayport, Florida. Progressively M Men leader. Ward Clerk, Bishop counsellor, Alameda Ward.

Sustained Oakland High Council Spring 1949.

His main hobby is his Church work and family; however, he has a deep affection for music and enjoys out-of-door sports and photography.

Maxwell Pk. Ward

NORMA WILLIAMS.

Gill Larsen was home for a visit recently. He spent a week with his family here. He said that army life is fine, but he misses home. Gill is now stationed in Wyoming.

Over the New Year holiday, many of the young people from the ward traveled to Los Angeles for the Rose Bowl game .Among the ones who went, were John Krage, Helen Krage, Dean Mann, Howard Thomas, Ruth Thomas, Harvey Hansen, Lola Hansen, Janet Thomas and Norma Williams

It seems as if our ward bishopric is keeping zion growing. On January 7, the Roscoe Nelsons had their baby boy blessed and named Scott M. Nelson. Ross is first counselor to the bishop. Our ward clerk's son was blessed the same day. The Doyle Fullmers named their boy Curtis Ira Fullmer. It is our prayer that these children, who have been born into such fine families, will realize their blessings, and always live according to the gospel.

On January 9, Beverly Hamilton, speaking to the MIA group, told the story of her conversion. It was through the encouragement of her family, and the patience of the missionaries ,that Bev realized the importance of the gospel. She was baptized July 8, 1950, by Herb Marsh. Her story is a reminder to all of us of the missionary work we should be doing each day.

Maude Briscoe and her daughter, Kathy, came down from Santa Rosa for a visit on January 12. Sister Irene Marchant returned with them, to spend a few days with her daughter and son-in-law, Ron and Naomi Cheney. Ron is on the high council of the new Santa Rosa stake

Norma Williams received word from Salt Lake that, having completed all the requirements satisfactorily, she has received the award of Golden Gleaner.

During the month, Carol Folkman announced her engagement to Don Weiland. Don, now in the marines, comes home every other week end

They haven't set a date for the wedding.

On January 17 the Relief Society gave a surprise baby shower for Leah Finch. The ladies presented her with a lovely blue robe.

On Sunday, January 21, Billie Checketts and Russell Esham were married. We wish them much happiness and hope they will have faith to always follow the teachings of the gospel.

On January 25th a surprise bridal shower was given for Helen Krage. Many o fher friends were in attendance. Helen and Dean Mann will be married in the Logan temple on February 5.

A Column for Jesus Christ

Of newspaper "columns" there literally is no end—political, financial, social, personal and so forth. But where can one find a column with the name of history's Greatest at its head? Only here,

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In the words of the prayers over the bread and water, "that they might always remember Him and always have His Spirit to be with them." Can anyone name a greater objective? We can't.

TODAY'S TOPIC

Mary, the Mother of Jesus

What kind of personality, Mary? Nephi L. Morris once said, "The sweetest thing in all creation is a sweet sixteen year old girl." Whatever her exact age, would Mary have been chosen had she not been like that? Haven't you looked into such countenances sometimes and seen the courts of heaven open? "Composed of all sweet accord."

List her likely soul qualities; gentle ,kindly, sweet, wholesome, pure, aspiring, loving, good, angelic—in short, "Christlike." Like Mother, like Son. Beautiful Mary!

Else would the angel have paid her this tribute? "Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thee among women. Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God." The Lord had seen the pattern of Mary's young life and had heard her prayers and had been pleased.

As you listen further to the angel, think: O, what must have been Mary's feelings at this time —what mingled joy and wonderment and fear.

"And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Jesus."

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest, and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of His Father David."

"And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end."

Doesn't each normal girl from doll-loving childhood look forward to holding her own child, and dream of its well being? What deep wells of satisfaction were Mary's at hearing the angel's high and holy promises.

To answer her wonderment, she being yet unwed, the angel added yet more sublimity until Mary's astonished and thrilled soul responded, "Behold the handmaiden of the Lord, be it unto me according to Thy word."

The record by Luke reassures us that the Holy Ghost came upon Mary and the power of the Highest overshadowed her and the angel announced the child should be called the Son of God." This manger-hearlded at Bethlehem, the world celebrated once more this 1950 Christmastide, in order that "they may always remember Him and always have His Spirit to be with them. Amen."

Santa Rosa Stake Created

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ment of his prophecy that the time would come when more Latter-day Saints would reside in California than in Utah.

Four years and a few months after Berkeley stake's birth at its division from Oakland, Berkeley stake itself was amputated when Vallejo, Napa and Carquinez wards and Fairfield Branch were taken from the stake January 7, 1951, and joined to the Santa Rosa District of the Northern California Mission to create the new Santa Rosa stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the 181st stake of the Church.

Before the large assembly of 690 members from the area mentioned, Elder Stephen L. Richards proposed that the new stake be composed of the following branches and saints of the Mission: Willits 120, Ukiah 160, Santa Rosa 506, Petaluma 225, Sebastopol 100, Lakeport 125, and Sonoma 40; a total from the Mission of 1281. From the Berkeley stake: Vallejo 576, Carquinez 445, Napa 381, and Fairfield 160; a total from the stake of 1562. A total in the new stake of 2842 members .The vote to sustain the proposal was practically unanimous.

The apostle then proposed that the presidency of the new stake be John Murdock, president; and counselors Thomas C. Byrne and Bryant S. Knowlton. Elder Byrne has been president of the Santa Rosa Branch, Elder Murdock a Berkeley stake high councilor and member of Napa ward, and Elder Knolton active in Napa ward.

Eight members of the new stake's High Council were sustained: Rex Bridges, Wm. K. Davis, Glen Lowry, Mark Brockbank, Reed W. Keller, Benjamin Southwick, Otto Matthews and Ronald Cheney.

Glorious musical numbers for the gatherings were furnished by a choir and vocal numbers from San Rafael Branch under the leadership of Sister Reed Richards.

San Rafael Branch was joined to the San Francisco stake, and by vote Livermore Branch was joined to the Oakland stake.

Elder Richards likened the formation of new stakes to markers of progress in the Church, and the erection of new temples as monuments of progress. Elder Alma Sonne told of the remarkable experience he had witnessed in the British Mission ,particularly telling of the prophetic words of President George F. Richards in regards to the fate that would come to some of the more prominent leaders in the mobbing of the saints in that Mission at the time of an earlier period of labor in that field by Elder Sonne. Upon his later return to the British Isles he had witnessed the tragic fulfillment of the prophecy upon the heads of these very men to whom the warning had been sent by letter.

At the same time Henry L. Peterson of Napa ward, patriarch was sustained as patriarch in the stake, Henry Neerings as president of the High Priests' quorum; Vera M. Sorensen, president of the stake Relief Society, and Irene Hartup, president of the stake Primary Association.

At both morning and afternoon sessions President Thomas K. Garner of the Northern California Mission conducted the exercises under the direction of the visiting apostle. President W. Glenn Harmon of Berkeley stake addressed the gathering, expressing mingled feelings of joy and sadness in the new stake and at the loss of the close association of part of Berkeley stake. President Murdock accepted his call with sentiments of deep humility, and a testimony of the divinity of this great and marvelous work of the latter days. Similar feelings were expressed by presidents Bryne and Knowlton.

Dimond Ward

By DINNA PEARCE

Our own ex-missionary, Neil McCarthy and Raellen Reynolds of Elmhurst ward were married in the Salt Lake Temple December 13. A lovely reception was held in Dimond ward on January 11; over 200 persons attended. They will make their home in Elmhurst. We'll certainly miss Neil in Dimond.

A Genealogical union meeting and social was held on January 18. It proved quite successful and much good was accomplished. The next meeting will be on February 15 with Dimond ward acting as host.

Don't forget our M Men are playing basketball every Monday night in Elmhurst school gym. The boys are doing fine and fully need our support; so let's go.

Esther Decker has been made the new Speech Director in Mutual. She is doing excellently and should be commended.

Glen Rounds of the Bishopric is back with us after a minor operation and he is doing fine.

Bro .and Sis. Hiltons' farewell was one grand success. We wish them well on their trip to England and our prayers will always be with them wherever they may be.

Our Junior Gleaner Girls had a Silver Gleaner Service on their "Comradery" night on January 16. They entertained their mothers. Patricia Hilton and Jeannene Clark received silver Gleaner pins, also their teacher, Lee Ashby, which was quite unusual. She is working toward her gold pin. Sister Hilton gave an inspirational talk. The girls made a very pretty picture in their pastel formals.

Opening exercise of Mutual on January 16, was a huge success. The MIA Maids and Explorers put on a dance demonstration of "Dance Fads". They danced the "Jitterbug," "Cotton-Eyed Joe," "Charleston," and a foxtrot.

The Mutual worked hard on their "Cowboy Theme" act for the Road Show which was held on January 30 in Alameda and Elmhurst wards respectively.

A graduation party was given to Patricia Hilton on Wednesday, January 24, following her graduation exercises. The young people all met at the Van Noys. Patricia will leave the following day to join her parents in Salt Lake where they will leave for England.

Another big surprise of the month was the call of our loved Rufus and Winnefred Phelps to the British Mission. We will surely miss their smiling faces in our ward. Parties galore are in store for them. The Sunday evening study group of which Rufus has been the teacher entertained with a party on February 3 at the Herb Van Noys. Their farewell was held on February 7.

Julia Fitzgerald underwent a very serious but successful operation at Permanente Hospital. She is doing well. We hope she continues to improve.

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Stake News

San Francisco

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had been officially taken into the stake. This fine group of about 450 people will be a great addition to our small stake. For some time they have been gathering funds for a chapel and it is expected that building will begin in the near future. On Sunday evening, January 14, Presidents Barton, Lauper and Somers, with their wives, attended the Sacrament meeting at our new branch. Patriarch and Sister Winter, assistant Stake Clerk Parley Rich and Sister Rich, also attended.

A real old timer passed away November 18 when Brother Melvin A. Allred died. Transferred to California by his company at the end of the first world war he became a leader in the Church. He was first counselor to President Joseph O. Story in the first San Francisco branch. Second counselors were Zebedee Coltrin and later Fred Hoeft. All of these men are now gone.

Brother Allred was in the Stake High Council when W. Aird Macdonald was president and was retained under President Stephen H. Winter when the stake was divided. He is survived by his wife, Laura, a son, Bishop Wallace Allred of Mission ward, two daughters, Alice Van Sickle and Elsie Simmons, and six grandchildren. Interment was in Idaho.

DELTA PHI MALE CHORUS

San Franciscans crowded to hear the excellent Delta Phi Chorus from the BYU when it sang here December 20. The young men arrived during the morning and Miles Burgess, a member of the exclusive Stock Exchange Club, and a Stake High councilman, arranged for them to sing a brief luncheon concert there. It was the first time a singing group ever performed at that place and the favorable reports were many and sincere. The entire tour was managed by Ronald Vincent, formerly a member of San Francisco ward.

During the recent Primary Hospital drive for additional funds two of the wards in the Stake sent in sufficient to merit the President Grant silver dollar paper weights .They were Sunset and Balboa. A new member of the Primary Stake Board is June Noyes, a newcomer from Detroit. Pearl Wade, formerly Relief Society President of Sunset Ward, has been appointed Social Service leader of the Stake organization.

SAMOAN CHIEF AND SONS ENTERTAIN

Near the end of November Chief Eddie Te'O and his sons gave a benefit show for the Mission Ward building fund. Brother Te'o, a Samoan Chief and a man of great intelligence and faith, brought his six sons to California several years ago in order that they might be educated in the Western way. Exceptionally fine dancers they are in demand to give demonstrations of their art in many places.

The show at Mission Ward was the 85th benefit they have played for their Church. Traveling the length of California and into Nevada they willingly give their talents to any one asking their help. Last April Conference Brother Te'O took two stenographers to Salt Lake City with him where they took down every speech given at conference. Brother Te'O recorded the messages in Samoan and sent them on to his people. Two of the Te'O boys are in Korea, together, and another in the Navy. The three who are here take an active part, along with their father, in the Mission Ward.

The many friends of President and Sister Hilton were thrilled with the news of their mission call. Quit a group attended the farewell party. While Bishop Richards was here Rue and Winifred Phelps came over to be interviewed concerning a mission to the British Isles. They will leave later than the Hiltons, their farewell being Feb. 7, in Dimond ward chapel. The love and best wishes of their many friends on this side go with these two wonderful couples and the Hilton's daughter, Patricia.

January 12 was the date of the annual "Stake Family Party." Arranged by the joint MIA of the Stake a fine program and a lot of fun were provided. An evening spent in the company of our Stake co-workers brought the realization that they are just about the best in the whole world.

BALBOA AND SAN FRANCISCO WARDS

Balboa Ward has inaugurated some changes. They now have three ward clerks. Vernal Kenner, financial clerk; Wilbur Moulton, membership and statistical clerk; Kay Voyce ,historical clerk. Bernard Skagfjord, former ward clerk, was released for another position. Ernest Horsley, former Sunday School superintendent, is now supervisor of the ward teachers. Alice Peterson has been released from her position of Relief Society president. She and Elden will welcome their fourth child in the near future. Vera Murry was sustained in her place.

During the last few days four of the San Francisco ward's fine young men have been taken into the service: Alroy Flack, Gordon Yates, Maury McGinty and Al Anderson. Four of San Francisco's leading elders were ordained to the office of Seventys at Stake conference. David Rogers, Ben E. Rich, David Wells and LeRoy Lambert. Bro. Lambert is in the presidency of the second Quorum of Elders. On January 2 Bro. Reuben Clark McBride assed away. He and his wife came to California from Ogden in 1923, settling first in Berkeley and about 12 years later coming to San Francisco. Brother McBride, was an active High Priest until his death at 73 years of age.

SUNSET WARD NEWS

A real loss to Sunset Ward is the moving of the Elwin Ellis family to Salt Lake City. Brother Ellis was second counselor in the Bishoric and a man dearly loved by all of his associates. Deeply interested in genealogy Brother Ellis plans on spending as much time as possible, considering his new work, in the genealogical library and the Temple.

—By Jean Lauper.

Tribute to Patriarch Harry Fletcher

By JAMES A. FISHBURN.

"And Jesus said unto him, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

How can a man be born when he is old?

My associations with Brother Fletcher, though but for a few years, have caused me to feel, here is a beautiful example of one being born again after he was old.

Brother Fletcher, since his baptism, accumulated a beautiful, fervent testimony of the gospel that changed completely the course of his life. He became a different man ,truly a new man. He developed a beautiful humility, that brought into his ministry many powerful spiritual experiences. Among them the gift of healing. Brother Fletcher had great faith in the powers of the priesthood. He loved his priesthood. Stress of work, rain or shine, did not stop Brother Fletcher from responding to any call of the priesthood.

Surely Brother Fletcher will be ranked high among the good men of the church here in the bay area, and when the angles shall make the roll of good men, faithful men, they will write the name of Harry R. Fletcher. One of the grand men, a grand friend I learned to love here in the Oakland Stake.

Oakland Stake Conf. Tops Record

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have to die, and carry the burden of the sins of the world. This he was willing to do for us. No person ever suffered as did the Son of God, not only physically, but he was carrying another burden, a burden that caused the blood to ooze from his pores.

There is not one of us but has sinned—we know what torment we have gone thru when we've repented. I have seen strong men who fear nothing physical, crying for relief from their torment. Think, then, of the Son of God carrying torment for the sins of all people. He prayed that the cup might pass from him, but he took that cup and drank its bitterness for you. Because of his help now we can repent, and we do not have to pay the full prices, unless we sin unto death.

Latter-day Saints must live the Gospel if they want to avoid the most excrusiating torment that will fall to all the rebellious, who will be more than a thousand years in torment. They will learn there is no other way, but obedience to divine law. Learn to obey the law of tithing, the Word of Wisdom, and of prayer. We don't get down on our knees enough and exress our love and gratitude that His Son would come down to this world and suffer that we might be brought back into the presence of our Father and His Son.

PRESIDENT GLEN SHAW.

He expressed gratitude for the blessing of his Father in Heaven, a loving Father, a good Paymaster. Said he loved the Lord's Prayer and read it, and also from the hymn, "Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire." Testified that if we pray we can receive strength for our daily living. Feared that we are not the praying people that we used to be. The greatest thing to fear is not losing one's life but losing one's soul. War kills only the body; lose not your testimony; lose not your soul. Parents, help your children to find themselves thru the Scriptures.

JOSEPH FIELDIG SMITH, Afternoon Address.

The Lord has given us a wonderful fund of information in the Bible and our books of modern Scripture. The world rejects revelation ,and I am sorry to say that a great many members of the Church do not appreciate the Scriptures. Part of the Book of Mormon was not translated and will never be translated for us until we show that we have received and lived that which we have.

The Doctrine and Covenants contains revelations and all the principles of the Gospel. This and the Book of Mormon contain promises; but will these promises pertain to those who are not willing to study and understand the Gospel? It is necessary that we seek the Lord, learn to know his will, learn his covenants, his truths or we will not be prepared when "that day" comes; when He will revoke all things that offend.

What are we working for? We seek perfection; want to become like God. How diligent are we in seeking to become like Him. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." In Righteousness is our first duty to God and the keeping of his commandments.

Other valuable remarks were made at the conference by Ross Wilson who recently returned from the Eastern Canada Mission, J. Howard Dunn of the stake high council, Marc Lauper, the new stake superintendent of Sunday Schools ,and Robert T. Paine of the stake high council.

Berkeley Stake News

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ing in his own ward. Brother Markham has been a faithful contributor to the Melchezdek Priesthood Bulletin of the Berkeley Stake.

ROBERT AND FRANCELLE LARSEN.

Robert Larson, newly chosen bishop of Walnut Creek Ward was another loss to the High Council. The Larsons are a willing, talented family. Sister Larson is working in the Walnut Creek Primary, just as she served when they resided in Berkeley Ward. Her musical talent has contributed much to cultural programs. Brother Larson served the High Council. as chairman of the Aaronic Priesthood and Boy Scout Committees, advisor to Richmond Ward, and on the Stake Welfare Committee. To the world Brother Larson is "Dr. Larson," where he certainly stands among who's who; but to his friends and neighbors he is just Brother "Bob."

R. KENDALL AND MARIE THOMAS

R. Kendall Thomas has accepted a position in Salt Lake City where he formerly resided, and has also been released from Berkeley High Council. Brother Thomas had been a member of the High Council of the Oakland Stake before Berkeley Stake was taken from Oakland, and he greatly helped in the founding of Berkeley Stake. On the High Council he served as the MIA and Primary Advisor, and Advisor of the Claremont Ward.

Brother and Sister Thomas have spent many years in Berkeley. Sister Marie, (Sweet Marie), had been a member of the General Board of the YWMIA before she moved to Berkeley. The board long retained her as an active member notwithstanding her absence from Salt Lake City. She later served as president of the YWMIA in Oakland Stake and later as a member of the Berkeley Stake MIA Board.

Ken and Marie Thomas took over the management of the LDS Servicemen's Home on Alice Street, Oakland, in 1945 when the Southgates moved to Salt Lake. Here they served faithfully until the Church closed the home and sold the property.

NATHAN TOLMAN

Brother Nathan Tolman, a recently released member of the Berkeley High Council and former chairman of the Stake Genealogical Committee, is now at the Fitzsimons Veterans' Hospital for Tuberculosis in Denver and is recovering nicely. He is on a leave of absence from his Oakland schools position as P. E. instructor in a junior high. Letters and cards to cheer him up are now in perfect order.

Pittsburg Ward

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

From all indications, the Christmas gift sale held by the Relief Society was a great success, yielding about $300.00 in profits. However, this was to be expected, as the gifts made and offered for sale were of a very high quality and designed to attract both the eye and the purse of prospective customers. We are very fortunate, as a ward, to have a great deal of talent among our Relief Society members in this regard, and the President, Genieve James, and Counselors, Alta Magleby and Gertrude Rosswalter, are to be complimented for the skill and efficiency with which they handled the occasion.

After a very successful term as Second Counselor in the Relief Society, Gertrude Rosswalter has resigned to take a position with an Antioch store. A farewell party in her honor was held January 12 at the home of Genevieve James, the honoree being presented with a beautiful set of scissors. This gift, in the case of Gertrude, was particularly fitting, as she sparked the sewing, etc., in the Relief Society, and is a very accomplished seamstress. All the members of the Relief Society will miss Gertrude, and can only hope that she will return to us again before too long. To take her place, Mrs. Bessie Dansie has been appointed Second Counselor. This also is a happy choice, as Bessie has been a member of our Ward for many years, holding many positions, and will be an asset to the presidency.

Wayne Wilcox and daughter recently moved to Washington where Bro. Wilcox, a member of the armed forces, is at the present time taking musical instructions which will aid him in working with the army band at Camp Stoneman.

The influx of soldiers into our ward is approaching that of World War II ,when our ward made so many new friends. The newest arrivals in our midst are Sgt. Bob Buhler and family from Salt Lake City.

Don Powell and wife have returned to Pittsburg after a month's visit to Price, Utah. Returning with them for a visit is Miss Donna Powell, sister of Bro. Powell.

Recuperating at her home after a minor operation is Sister Anna Mae Barrus, organist of the ward. Every good wish to her.

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OAKLAND STAKE

January 20-21; March 31, April 1; June 23-24 and October 20-21.

PALO ALTO STAKE

March 3-4; May 19-20; September 15-16 and December 1-2.

SAN FRANCISCO STAKE

January 6-7; March 17-18; June 2-3 and September 29-30.

OTHER STAKE CONFERENCES

Berkeley Sunday school conference, March 18; Genealogical conference (with Oakland stake at Oakland), May 20.

GENERAL CONFERENCES SLC

General church conference, April 6, 7 and 8; Primary conference, April 4-5; Sunday school conference, April 8. MIA conference, June 15, 16 and 17.

NO. CALIFORNIA MISSION ELDERS' CONVENTION

February 21, 22 and 23 in the Oakland ward chapel.

Inter-Mt. Notes

Pres. S. Dilworth Young, first Council of the Seventy, has been released as president of the New England Mission. In his place goes J. Howard Maughan, president of East Cache stake, irrigation economist, with the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture located at Utah Agriculture college.

An influx of LDS among the many drawn to the Northwest Mission boundaries in Washington and Oregon have added an increase in that mission in the last three years from 17,000 to 23,000 members.

"Since 1947 Utah's cattle and hogs move west to the feeding areas of central California and to the packing plants in northern and southern California," says a study in "Utah Economic and Business Review."

Utah's economy-minded governor, J. Bracken Lee, in his message to the state legislature recommends: 1. Cut taxes first and then streamline the ogvernment to fit; 2. eliminate sales tax on basic groceries, meats and medicines and increase exemptions on state income taxes; 3. approve a regional pact among the 11 western states whereby states not having medical, dental or veterinary schools may send their students to other states having such schools and pay their tuition; (economy for the poorer states is the aim); 4. turn the huge governor's mansion into new quarters for the Board of Health and provide a smaller home for the state's governor and his family.

Utah is served by a greater number of reclamation projects than any other of the 17 reclamation states.

The church has closed the Chinese Mission and the elders of that mission have returned to Hawaii. The Palestine Mission also is closed and the elders moved to France.

Hayward Ward

January 14 Lorin Reed Wiseman was ordained to the office of a Deacon by his grandfather, George P. Wiseman .

Wedding bells rang in Hayward January 21 as Bryl Checketts, daughter of Charles and Margaret Checketts, was married to Russel Eshom by Bishop Webb. They will make their home in Hayward.

Wednesday the 24th, Wayne Noble took his physical for the air force. Robert Johnston is also waiting to hear whether he passed.

Thirty-two Scouts and leaders spent the week end in the Sierras in the snow. Just two casualties: Allen Ream and one other fell thru the ice into the lake. Rod Wilson's parents spent the holidays with them. They came fro Virginia.

Hayward was host to 24 missionaries. They came to Hayward for a meeting and tracting afternoon. Lunch was served at the chapel.

Clark Ray is now at boot camp in San Diego . . . The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers held a luncheon at the home of Aura Kirk . . . The choir is commencing practice on the Easter cantata. All interested in joining please attend, Wed., 7:30.

MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Harvey Hinch, who has been a member of the Hayward police department for several years, was appointed captain of Hayward city police Nov. 22. With others he had taken the civil service test, passed, and was appointed by the city manager to the office of captain.

In the past year new buildings have been added to the John Muir school. The work is now finished and was dedicated Jan. 28. On the program in which the board of trustees presented the buildings to the school, Kathyleen Ray was the pupil chosen to receive them in the name of the school. She was chosen because she is the top ranking student in the highest class in the school.

It was Joseph Fielding Smith, the apostle, who said, "God never gives man a commandment for his own glory, but to develop and strengthen the man."

Vallejo Ward News

LA RUE A. POWELL

One of the finest experiences anyone can have is to acquaint oneself with our genial ward clerk, Brother Edgar J. Tittenser.

He was born February 3, 1901, in Cove, Utah, the son of Joseph and Della Handy Tittenser. There he lived until 1912 when, with his parents, moved to Ogden, Utah, where he attended schools and later served an apprenticeship with the Southern Pacific railroad.

His life was filled with the problems and social adjustments that faces every young man during the process of growing up. Above all, in importance, was his marriage to the former Lorna Garner in the Salt Lake Temple in the year 1922 They were blessed with a lovely daughter.

They made their home in Ogden, where he worked for the railroad until, in 1940, the family moved to Vallejo, where he accepted a position at the Mare Island Navy Yard. Later in 1946 he began working for the Shell Oil Company in Emeryville, where he is now located in his profession.

His Church activities began in Ogden where he served as President of the Elders 'Quorum and as Genealogical secretary. In Vallejo he was recognized as Manual Counsellor in the Mutual until he accepted his present position.

I have on various instances heard him express his appreciation for the Church and the great blessings he and his family have enjoyed through their efforts in church activity.

In his present position as the fourth member of the bishopric, which he has held for over three years, his ability has been shown through the capable way he does his work. The saying, "Behind every good man is a good woman," applies to his wife Lorna, who at all times has assisted her husband in this difficult job We know the hours spent in record keeping and we wish to express our admiration for these two who work so diligently at it.

One cannot overlook the sincere understanding, interest and love shown by Brother Tittenser for little children.

Aside from his profession and Church, he spends many happy hours in gardening.

So it is, to know him, is to enjoy his qualities of sincerity, cooperativeness and ability to understand.

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BISHOP'S MESSAGE

My dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is with sincerity in my heart that I appeal to all members of the ward to sense the importance of service in one's church. We have been blessed with many talents. The Heavenly Father expects us to use them that we might advance his great plan to the world.

Again we notice another change in our ward with the forming of the new Santa Rosa stake. Can we truthfully sit idly by, retain a clear conscience and at the same time expect the blessings of the Almighty for ourselves and our families? There are many positions to be filled ,both in the stake and in the ward that will require all of our help. Let us resolve now, to give more freely of our talents.

Records of the past have shown that we, ourselves, will reap the greatest blessings in the end and the joy which we will know, we will not find elsewhere.

Again, I express best wishes and prayer for your success.

BISHOP HENRY NEERINGS,
Vallejo Ward

Napa Ward News

By CATHERINE WOOLLEY

This month we greet all our friends in the bay area as members of the new stake of Zion, the Santa Rosa stake. We are indeed grateful to our Father in Heaven for the wonderful growth of His church, and we know the saints will grow and develop under this new stake. Before too many years we will see more growth and yet more divisions. We are especially grateful here in the Napa ward to have Presidents John L. Murdock and Bryant Knowlton. We pray God's choicest blessings on these men and President Byrnes. We know we have a strong stake presidency.

One by one, we are losing our ward members to help man the new stake. Bishop Reed W. Keller and Rex L. Bridges are on the high council; Henry Peterson is stake patriarch; George W. Bruerton is the stake Sunday school superintendent; Sister Lu Carter is secretary to the president. Although we will miss their help in the ward, our loss will be the stake's gain.

Uncle Sam is taking our boys one by one. We only hope and pray that they will be blessed in their callings and keep in touch with their church. Glenn Olive is now in San Diego in the navy; Donald Taysom, in Monterey in the army; Harold Davis is in the navy, Ted Nightwine is in Korea. Fay Fowles will be leaving in about two weeks.

The MIA is carrying on in an excellent manner, keeping all busy in interesting classes and jolly socials. A basket lunch and dance was enjoyed during the past month. The MIA had a special treat last month when the colored films of our welfare farm were shown, showing our members in action on the farm. Also the films taken by Ray E. Campbell of Suisun on their recent trip east visiting many church historic sites, were shown and enjoyed by all.

Everyone had a grand time at the Sweetheart Ball Friday evening, Feb. 2. An orchestra from Vallejo furnished the music.

Rufus and Sister Winifred Phelps Feted Before Leaving for Mission

By Mildred M. Fontano

Brother Rufus and Sister Winifred have been in a whirl of dinners and parties ever since they let it be known they were leaving for a mission to the British Isles on February 9. Their farewell is set for February 7.

The Dimond Ward Relief Society, including many special guests, honored Winnifred at a Relief Society reception. She has been Relief Society secretary for ten years under five different presidents. She also served as welfare counsellor with Hazel Allen and Mildred Fontano in the Relief Society presidency; was a member of the Primary presidency for years ,and has been captain of the Dimond DUP camp the last three years. A beautiful gift and evening tendered her by this DUP camp.

Brother Phelps was a stake missionary under brother Edgar Morganegg when we had only one stake in the bay area; Dimond Ward Sunday ,School Superintendent under our first bishop, Thomas H. Robinson; counselor to Bishop Serge Lauper for four and a half years, and finally Bishop for four years.

He followed that service with eight years in the High Council. His last assignment has been President of the Oakland High Priests' quorum for two years past.

He is a skilled and dependable workman for mankind as well as God, being a carpenter, a contractor and builder. He was superintendent of building construction on the Berkeley Chapel, and Superintendent of construction on Richmond and Alameda Chapels.

The Phelps have a fine loyal LDS family. Donna Bates has been one of the dependable organists in the wards and stake for many years. Right now she is with her husband who is in U .S. military service. Both Donna and Winifred Spuhlur, the second daughter, have worked faithfully in the MIA and Sunday School. Richard their son, graduated from high school and then attended the BYU two years before going on his present mission to Uruguay. He expects to return via England and come home with his parents when they have finished their missions.

We congratulate Brother and Sister Phelps on their good work, and love them for their willingness to spend their time and means in God's work. The High Council gave them a party. The Knute Torgersons and Arden Allens gave a delightful evening for them and their host of friends.

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San Joaquin Stake News

By W. AIRD MACDONALD

Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve and Eldred G .Smith, church patriarch, were visitors to the stake conference held in Stockton, Jan. 20-21. It was the largest attended conference yet held; 35 per cent of the stake membership were present.

S. LeRoy Mitton was set apart to the high council to fill the vacancy left by Frank Higham, transferred to Oakland. Three new presidents of the 381st quorum of seventy, Chas. McCurdy, Harry L. Miller and Chas. Johnson were sustained. Pres. Ririe was also released as head of the stake mission and Sterling Nicolaysen was appointed to direct the mission, with Willard Farr and D. Leslie Andrew as counselors.

Word comes of the safe arrival in New Zealand of Elder Paul Mendenhall, son of our stake president. Pres. Mendenhall served in this same mission 20 years ago.

The stake is soon to have a stake welfare storehouse; a site was recently purchased in Stockton by the bishops. Actual construction is expected to start soon.

"Three up and two to go, and I'll be in Cantor's class, said Max Griffiths, as the nurse told him "It's a girl." Max is the popular president of the first elders quorum. Max was recently called into service in the air corps as captain.

With the appointment of Supt. Leslie Andrew of the MIA to the presidency of the stake mission, he has been released from his Mutual work. His assistant, Wm. Stebbins of Modesto, has been named to head the MIA work in the stake.

Bishop Cleone C. Forsyth of Yosemite ward enjoyed the visit of their daughter, Edna Jean, and her family from Provo during the holidays.

Word has been received that Robert Driggs sailed from New York, Jan. 26, for his mission in Argentine. Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Golden K. Driggs, who moved recently from Stockton to Fresno.

Members of the Tracy ward are feverish with excitement for they have just received approval of their plans for a ward chapel. Construction is expected to start shortly.

Robert E., son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus B. Cannon, is expected to arrive here Feb. 7, from Hawaii.

Pres. and Mrs. Albert B. Crandall of Sacramento, formerly in our stake presidency, were visitors at our recent stake conference.

Ben Croft and family of Ione are new residents of Stockton. He was a member of the Ione branch presidency.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Leavitt will soon enjoy the comforts of a new home in the Country club district. Bruce is with the Bank of America and is a recent convert through effective missionary work.

A "platter party" by the Yosemite ward Mutual was a unique innovation introduced recently, when everyone brought their favorite "record" for a dancing social.

The Merlin Lundquists, popular MIA workers of Stockton ward, are building a new home on Country Club Blvd.

Two prominent stake families of Stockton have recently become residents of Modesto through a transfer of business activities. The C. A. Rookers of the stake presidency, and the Clem Mortensens. Chet is the efficient stake clerk, and Jan is a member of the YLMIA presidency. Edna Rooker is the capable stake Primary president.

San Leandro Ward Chapel Dedicated

Sunday evening, January 21, 1951, Elder Joseph Fielding Smith Acting President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, dedicated the San Leandro Ward Chapel to the service of the Lord. "A place where members of the Church, together with their friends, may come to worship," Bro. Smith said, "where they will find recreation, free from boisterous and uncouth conduct, and where they will find enlightment of the eternal values of the mission of Jesus Christ free from worldly mockery."

Bro. Smith also expressed the thought that the simple atmosphere of the San Leandro Ward chapel would lead to a more humble and sincere worship than much adorned edifices which bring with them a certain worldliness.

Pres. Delbert F. Wright commended the San Leandro Ward members for their diligence and untiring efforts and suggested that the world needs more of such workers to build peace and good will in the hearts of men and women.

Bro. John H. Webster, chairman of the Building Fund Committee, spoke on "Organizing the Resources" and reviewed the past projects for raising the necessary revenue for the construction of the ward house through the media of benefit dinners and entertainment programs.

Bro. Eli K. Ferguson, supervising contractor, analyzed the work of constructing the building and lauded the efforts of the 150 men, 28 women and 7 boys who donated over 13,800 hours of their time to the building project.

Sis. Marjorie Clements, resident for the ward Relief Society, spoke briefly on utilizing the building according to the puposes for which it was erected. As the power boat fights its way upstream in defiance of the storm, so should the members of the Church prepare themselves to maintain an even keel during the stormy days ahead. The chapel will ever prove a haven of peace and serenity for the storm-toss-

Bishop Jackson, in his opening remarks, referred to the San Leandro Ward as now being a definite part of the community and, as such, the Church membership should be of service to the community.

Following the dedicatory prayer by the apostle, Sis. Jessie Evans Smith sang, as a special number, "Bless This House." Sis. Jane Boetes of the San Leandro Ward also sang very beautifully, "My Faith in Thee."

The Ward Choir, under the direction of Verna Jackson and accompanied by Theresa Sims, rendered, "Sacred the Place of Prayer and Song," and ended the dedicatory service with, "The Hallelujah Anthem," by Evan Stevens.

The dedication service marked the passing of four years, almost to the day, since the San Leandro Ward was organized. At that time one of the faithful members made a material contribution toward the building fund. Although the members continued to use the facilities of the Elmhurst Ward until November of 1950, all the interveining time has been spent in planning and working for a "home" of their own.

In August, 1949, the opportunity presented itself, and arrangements were made to acquire the land and buildings of the First Methodist Church of San Leandro. These arrangements were consummated. However, the Methodist congregation continued to use the buildings until their new chapel was ready for occupancy in April of 1950. It was then that the San Leandro Ward began in earnest to remodel and renovate the property.

As the San Leandro Ward members view their beautiful little chapel today, it is difficult to remember the original building around which they have worked. They very gladly acknowledge the guiding hand of the Lord in each of the fund-raising projects. We know they are grateful for their new home. They know that the Lord will reward generously the Lord will reward generously.

Santa Rosa Stake News

Allan C. Woolley was named bishop of Napa ward, with Rex Candland and Ferron Lee Francom, counselors.

Santa Rosa ward received Bishop Moss to succeed Bishop Cheney.

Bishop David Harris will now preside over Carquinez ward.

The stake Primary and both MIA's received new presidencies, but full details will be given in our March Messenger. This news came too late for the front page, where it belongs.

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"Automobiles" lists a large variety of services. "Barber shops" lists five; "dentists" lists six names; "dry cleaners," five; "furniture," three; "hardware," four; "poultry products," four; "roofing," five; "sewing machines," three; "trailer sales," two; "variety stores," three.

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● J. Newell Christensen, recently counselor in the bishopric of San Leandro ward, has moved to Alameda and opened Chris Variety Store in the new business development there. "Maltby Shopping Center," Santa Clara Oak street. The Messenger welcomes him into its advertisement columns.

●Lincoln Blake, Claremont ward, Health Food Stores operator, recently purchased the Healthway at 1020 Market Street, San Francisco .He now has interests in 17 such stores in the east and west San Francisco bay including the Berkeley Health Food Store, Shattuck across from Stone Furniture and The Oakland Food Store on College Avenue near Broadway.

● Cavendish W. Cannon, U. S. career diplomat and former Utahn and scion of the George Q. Cannon family has been appointed the U. S. minister to Syria. He was formerly ambassador to Yugoslavia.

Ah, Sweetheart Ball! Joint Stake Event

It will be a gala night of dancing and good times at the Sweetheart Ball scheduled for Friday, February 16, at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Oakland. It is the joint effort of both Berkeley and Oakland Stakes with the members of the new Santa Rosa Stake to the north of us invited to attend.

Arrangements are in charge of the activity assistant superintendent and counselors of both stakes, Jay Brown, activity superintindent of Berkeley Stake acting as chairman of the event.

Included in the program is an eevnt honoring the newly engaged couples of both stakes. It will be an opportunity for the members of both stakes to congratulate these young people and wish them well for the future.

Music will be furnished by Murray Peterson's Orchestra and he promises us the usual high standard performance which we have learned to expect from him.

Officers of the M Men-Gleaner Councils of both Stakes will be in the reception line.

BERKELEY STAKE FUN PARTY

On the calendar of the Stake M Men Gleaner Council for February 24 is a fun party according to Floyd J. Pickett, M Men supervisor of activity. Arrangements for the party are under the direction of Jene Passey, Stake M Men Gleaner President.

Something is planned but neither Brother Pickett nor Sister Passey would tell any details, each claiming that something special is being planned and that everyone failing to reerve the date will be sorry.

Further announcements of place and necessary details to be made within a few days.

Geo. H. Pinckney Politely Declines to Report For Draft

George H. Pinckney, U. S. Marine in Korea received an order to report for induction from the Alameda draft board. When the letter was forwarded to him in Korea he took his pen in hand and wrote to the board, saying:

"Dear Sirs: I am sorry to inform you that I am already employed by the U. S. Government, and that I am very much satisfied with my present employer, the U. S. Marine Corps. Thank you very much for your warm and gratifying letter. It is with deep regret that I find it impossible to comply with your instructions."

OAKLAND STAKE CALENDAR

Feb. 17—Square Dancing, Elmhurst Ward, 8:30 to 11:00.
Fri., Feb. 2—MIA Rose Prom, Alameda, 8:30 to 11:30.
Fri., Feb. 16—Annual Berkeley-Oakland Sweetheart Ball, Scottish Rite Auditorium, 9:00 to 12.00.

MARCH

Fri., March 2—Oakland Stake Annual Drama Festival, Alameda, 8:00.
Wed., March 21—Stake MIA Leadership, Elmhurst Ward, 7:30.
Fri., March 30—Golden Green Ball, Berkeley Stake invited, Scottish Rite Auditorium, 9:00 to 12:00

Oakland Stake Basketball League games played every Monday night in Elmhurst High Gym. Oakland and San Leandro are tied for first place.

OAKLAND STAKE DRAMA FESTIVAL

Three-act play: **JUNIOR MISS.**

On Friday evening, March 2, the Oakland Stake will witness an event that it hasn't had the pleasure of experiencing in many years. The stake MIA drama department will present the three-act play, JUNIOR MISS. The play, one of the most recent Broadway successes, portrays a figment in the life of the Graves family as it is complicated by Judy, the junior miss.

An excellent cast has been selected from the wards of our stake and with the direction of Fern Pardoe Nelsen, it promises to produce an evening of delightful entertainment.

The place: Alameda Ward. Time: March 2. It is a budget affair.

BERKELEY STAKE CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 1951

Friday 9—Explorer-MIA Maid Party, Martinez, 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 10—Quarterly Conference, Berkeley Chapel.
Sunday 11—Quarterly Conference, Berkeley Chapel.
Friday 16—Sweetheart Ball with Oakland Stake, 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 17—Priesthood Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Mon. 19—Stake MIA Leadership Meeting, Martinez chapel, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 24—M Men-Gleaner Fun Party (location to be announced)

MARCH 1951

Wednesday 7—Stake Family Night—Berkeley Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
Friday 9—Stake Dance Festival, Berkeley Chapel, 8:00 p.m.
Monday 12—Stake MIA Leadership Meeting, Berkeley, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 17—Stake Priesthood Meeting, Berkeley, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 31—M Men-Gleaner Lucky Clover Dance.

The Liahona club, the east bay's LDS business and professional men's dinner-discussion group, met as usual on the fourth Monday of the month (this time Jan. 22, 1951) at the usual place, the balcony of the Colonial Cafeteria Franklin street, Oakland. A. D. Ericksen presided.

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Liahona Lodge

Without being set up as a special feature of the program, the Liahona club's great project to erect in 1951 a spacious canyon lodge for the enjoyment of the club members and of the young people's organizations of both stakes overarched the more routine business of election of officers for 1951.

Club photographer, Edward A. Pyle, showed again colored moving pictures of the campsite, in its glorious high mountain setting amid towering peaks, forested mountains and tall pine trees. In the last stages of completion was seen the first unit of the lodge's ensemble of buildings—the utility house—receiving its coat of oil and also its rugged roofing by our Marion Caldwell, owner of the Caldwell Roofing Co.

Seen also were Sam Scott, Woody Bates, Arthur L. Hopkins and wife, Sid and Almadean Feller and others at the laying of the 1000 feet of two-inch water pipe, and at the simple ceremony of turning on the water at the campsite terminus of the pipe by the club's president, A. D. Ericksen.

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OFFICERS FOR 1951

Election of officers resulted as follows: A. D. Ericksen, president; Herbert Van Noy, vice president; Dennis L. Lauper, second vice president; M. Dee Smith, secretary, and Oren Yorgason, treasurer.

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LETTER FROM VINAL MAUSS, PRES., JAPANESE MISSION

A letter of appreciation for the Liahona club's project of sending good used clothing to help Japanese saints was read. The funds raised from the sale of the articles in Japan provided money to help start a church member in business. Curt Millward served as chairman of the project.

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ENLARGED MESSENGER

The announcement of developing plans to extend the field of the Messenger to serve also San Francisco and Santa Rosa stakes drew a round of applause.

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LIAHONA LODGE PROJECT COMMITTEES

Pres. Ericksen presented the list of committees to busy themselves from now forward on the projected completion of the Liahona Lodge and its dedication July 24, 1951.

Liahona Club Project Committee Assignments

Finance: Thomas Ferguson, chairman; George Hall, Joseph Eyring, Robert McAllister, Don C. Wood, M. G. Stephens, Dr. C. Ronald Smith, Elmo Smith, Ira Call, Curt Bybee and Clyde A. Russell, members.

Purchasing: H. A. Van Noy, E. K. Ferguson and A. D. Ericksen.

Construction: Chas. M. Maurer and Sam Scott, co-chairmen; L. J. Aiken, Leonard J. Lyons, Sid Feller, Clyde Lindsay, Elmer Harker and Lon Sorenson, members.

Labor: I. B. Ball, commissioner,; Paul Oram, Jay Brown and Don Allphin, deputies.

Public Relations: Delbert Rock and I. B. Ball, co-chairmen; Orin Yorgason, Chas. Taylor, Les Stone, Berke Ericksen, Phillip Lewis, Tom Pine, Don Kimball, Dr. Reams, Layton Lloyd, Wendell Martin and Curtis Millward, members.

Plumbing and Utilities: Arthur Hopkins, E. K. Ferguson, Woody Bates.

Drives and Grounds: Sam Scott, chairman; E. K. Ferguson, L. J. Aiken and Woody Bates.

Architect: Theodore Ruegg.

Engineer: Woody Bates.

Painting: V. T. Bennett and LeRoy Clovis.

Fireplace and Barbecues: Don Allphin.

Roofing: Marion E. Caldwell and Lewis E. Rolland.

Photographer: Eddie Pyle.

Camp Cots: Lewis E. Rolland, chairman; Sid Feller, Paul Oram and Marvin Blytheway, members.

Counsel: Heber James Brown and Preston N. Ericksen.

Camp Administration: to be selected.

Rufus and Winnifred Phelps Leaving For Mission to Great Britain Feb. 7

It is a year now since the Phelps talked with their bishop about a joint mission. It is only six months ago that their son Richard went on his mission to Uruguay. When the Hiltons were called Rufus said to Eugene, "I wish we could go;" and Eugene, looking him straight in the eye, said, "You can if you will make up your mind to go." Elder Phelps went home and told that statement to Winifred, and she answered, "Well, why don't we make up our minds and go?" Before that evening was over they had made their decision. Soon they will follow the Hiltons to Great Britain. Their plans are to have Richard meet them in England when he is released so that the three may return home together.

Owen L. Stewart Writes From the Mission Field

The editor has received a kindly letter from Owen and Mary Stewart of Hayward ward who now are filling a joint mission in Springfield, Illinois.

Elder Owen, who was former bishop of Hayward, says that the number of missionaries has doubled since they came into the field, and that baptisms have tripled over 1949. The Southern Illinois District has baptised twice as many as any other district in the Mission, and they are part of that district.

Elder and Sister Stewart have been able to convert husbands of LDS women in several cases recently and have several more who seem ready for baptism, thus uniting families and making a family unit with the children. The Stewarts are very busy and filled with joy in their sacred labors.

They report a new address: 202 North MacArthur, Springfield, Ill.

Mary H. Jones Dies At 90; Well-Beloved

By AMELIA EVERETT.

The funeral services of well known and much beloved Mary H. Jones, who long held the record of oldest woman in the ward, were held January 19, in Oakland Chapel.

The speakers were Patriarch Isaac B. Ball of Berkeley, Bishop Paul E .Warnick of Oakland ward, and Councillor John M. Hughes. Each spoke of the staunch faith and constant good cheer of Sister Jones through long suffering.

Those who went to cheer her left feeling cheered. Patriarch Ball says that in being an inspiration to others she has honorably fulfilled her mission and has gone to rejoice with the many friends, relatives and revered luminaries of the gospel who have preceded her. Particularly will she rejoice at seeing Patriarch Harry Fletcher whose death less than a month ago has seemed to hasten her going.

A poem written by the deceased was read by Elder Hughes in which she expressed her love for her children and her hope for their acceptance of the gospel of Jesus Christ that they might enjoy the love and peace that has buoyed her up through the storms of life.

Estherella Olszowka sang "O, My Father," "In the Garden," and "Guide Me to Thee."

Prayers were by Peter M. Peterson and Amasa A. Bliss.

Millard P. Cosby Begins 3rd Mission

This former member of Vallejo ward from where he went on his second mission for the church, now writes us from North Carolina, telling that he arrived in that field of labor in December. He and his wife are assigned to the Central Atlantic States Mission. He asked to have the Messenger sent to him at 200 Zockland avenue, Winston-Salem, No. Carolina. He will be delighted to receive letters from friends. We all send greetings and blessings on the devoted labors of this fine couple.

Vinal Mauss Thanks The Liahona Club

We read: In a letter addressed to Pres. A. D. Erickson, Club president:

"I apologize for the long delay in expressing thanks to you and members of the Liahona Club for your recent project in sending over the used clothing requested. I am happy to report that the project here was very successful and that the necessary funds were raised to get our Church member started in business. Following your suggestion, he is paying the money back into a fund that is to be used to help others under similar circumstances. He has asked me to express his deep appreciation and gratitude for the kindness you have shown.

"May I also take this opportunity to congratulate you and the members of the Club for the success you are having. I read with interest your activities each month in the Messenger that comes to me.

"We are all quite well and very busy and enjoying our work to the utmost. May you all continue to find success and have great happiness in the New Year."

Gratefully yours,
VINAL G. MAUSS,
Japanese Mission President.

Ruth Savage Hilton Honored At Party

Ruth Savage Hilton, recently released as Manual counselor, and the girls' program director of the Oakland Stake MIA, was honored by the Young Women's Board members at a party on the evening of January 17th ,held at the home of Catherine K. H. Marsh, San Leandro. Ruth accompanying her husband Patriarch Eugene Hilton ,and their daughter Patricia will labor as missionaries in Great Britain.

It was a festive evening and a joyous time was enjoyed in the spirit of love and fellowship. Highlight of the evening was the preesntation of suitable gifts to be used abroad. Included also was an unusual orchid corsage. Games and refreshments were enjoyed.

Ruth expressed her genuine appreciation of the evening pleasure, and her friendship and affection for each member of the board.

Those present were: Ruth S. Hilton. Pearl Hatfield, Flora Sears (President) Roberta Sorensen, Verla Sandstrom, Flossie Ingham, Gladys Markham, Lou Dean Grow, Lucille Williams, Sherline Webster, Myrtle Snarr, Margaruite Miller, Marjorie Brooks, Pearl Bliss, Erva Wilson, Trieste Hall, Catherine Marsh. From Berkeley Stake Alma Dean Fellers, Wanda Hilton—Catherine K. H. Marsh.

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